

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in the interview of March 15, 2006. During the interview, claim 1 was discussed in view of the prior art reference Masui. A proposal to amend claim 1 was discussed.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Masui, U.S. Patent No. 5,557,116. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. Namely, claim 1 recites that the cover is only a semi-cylinder which does not extend beyond the heat radiation block (see Applicant's Fig. 1). As shown in Figs. 31 and 32, Masui's cover is a complete cylinder which extends beyond the lead frame 154. Thus, Masui fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1.

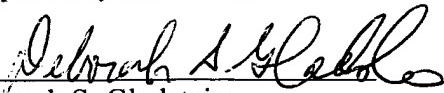
Claims 2-4 are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui. This rejection is respectfully traversed. In light of the remarks above with respect to claims 1-4, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is allowable due to its dependency from claim 1. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 204552029300.

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